

Remarks

Claims 1-11 are pending.

Claims 1 and 4 are amended.

Claims 2, 3 and 5-11 are original.

Claim 1 is amended for clarity by inserting the word "method" immediately prior to "comprises, labeling the steps a-d, deleting the word "subsequently", replacing the word "and" with a comma in step a and inserting the "phrase reacting the ester from step a with" at the beginning of step b. Support is inherent in the claim. Claim 1 is further amended to include the phrase "yeilding a halogen-substituted ester" in step a. Support is found in the second paragraph of page 2 of the specification.

Claim 4 is amended to incorporate more proper Markush language.

No new matter is added.

Consideration of the present claims on their merits is respectfully awaited.

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